

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 1172 - SB 1942**

March 4, 2011

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits a health care provider or health care institution providing services for drug abuse patients from being held liable for any damages relative to the misuse of an indwelling catheter placed in a patient, provided that the patient is informed of such immunity. Defines "misuse" as the introduction of a controlled substance, medication not prescribed by a health care provider, or a harmful substance into the catheter by an individual other than an employee of the health care institution or health care provider.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

**Assumptions:**

- According to the Department of Health, the proposed legislation does not place any rulemaking, monitoring, or reporting requirements on the Department. As a result, any fiscal impact on the Department or the Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities will be not significant.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-11-216, the Board is required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2010, the Board had a balance of \$392,654.16.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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James W. White, Executive Director

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